## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS WACO DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	§	
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<b>v.</b>	§	CRIMINAL NO. 6:20-CR-166-ADA
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JUAN DIEGO VASQUEZ	§	
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# REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

TO: THE HONORABLE ALAN D ALBRIGHT, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

The undersigned submits this Report and Recommendation to the district judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Rule 1 of Appendix C of the Local Court Rules of the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Local Rules for the Assignment of Duties to United States Magistrate Judges. Before the Court is the petition of the United States Probation Office recommending the revocation of the Defendant's term of supervision. The district judge referred the matter to the undersigned for the preparation of a report and recommendation.

## I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

The Defendant was convicted of Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, in violation of 18 U.S.C §§ 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2). The Defendant was sentenced to twenty (20) months incarceration followed by a three (3) year term of supervised release; pay a \$100.00 special assessment and \$250.00 fine. The Defendant was released to supervision on October 7, 2022. On September 6, 2024, the United States Probation Office filed a Petition for Warrant or Summons for Offender Under Supervision, alleging the Defendant violated the terms of his

supervision and seeking a show-cause hearing as to why the Defendant's supervision should not be revoked. The petition alleges the Defendant violated the terms of his supervision in the following instances:

**Violation Number 1:** The defendant violated Mandatory Condition Number 3; that the defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance, in that, on or about July 31, 2024, and August 6, 2024, the defendant submitted urine tests which were positive for Cocaine.

**Violation Number 2:** The defendant violated Additional Condition; that the defendant shall participate in a substance abuse treatment program and follow the rules and regulations of that program. The program may include testing and examination during and after program completion to determine if the defendant has reverted to the use of drugs; in that, on or about August 8, 2024, the defendant failed to report to Word of Life for a scheduled treatment appointment and on August 13, 2024, the defendant failed to report to Word of Life for drug testing.

**Violation Number 3:** The defendant violated Standard Condition Number 13; that the defendant failed to follow the instructions of the probation officer, in that on or about August 12, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, and 22, 2024, the defendant failed to call the COMPLY drug testing line as instructed.

At the hearing, Defendant pleaded TRUE as to violation numbers 1, 2, and 3. Additionally, the petition contained a sufficient factual basis to support the violations.

#### II. FINDINGS OF THE COURT

- 1. The Defendant violated the conditions of his supervision as alleged in the petition.
- 2. The Defendant was competent to make the decision to enter a plea of TRUE as to the allegations underlying violations 1, 2, and 3.
- 3. The Defendant had both a factual and rational understanding of the proceedings against him.
- 4. The Defendant did not suffer from any physical or mental impairment that would affect his ability to fully understand the charges against him or the consequences of his plea.

- 5. The Defendant has not had any injury that would affect his judgment in entering a plea or that would affect his understanding of the basis, consequences, or effect of his plea.
- 6. The Defendant was sane and mentally competent to stand trial for these proceedings.
- 7. The Defendant was sane and mentally competent to assist his attorney in the preparation and conduct of his defense.
- 8. The Defendant received a copy of the petition naming him, and he either read it or had it read to him.
- 9. The Defendant understood the petition and the charges alleged against him and had the opportunity to discuss the petition and charges with his attorney.
- 10. The Defendant understood that he had the right to present evidence and to cross-examine witnesses at the hearing.
- 11. The Defendant freely, intelligently, and voluntarily entered his plea of TRUE to the allegations in violations 1, 2, and 3.
- 12. The Defendant understood his statutory and constitutional rights and desired to waive them.
- 13. The petition contains a sufficient factual basis to Defendant's pleas of TRUE to violation numbers 1, 2, and 3.

#### **III. RECOMMENDATION**

The undersigned has carefully considered all the arguments and evidence presented by the parties and **RECOMMENDS** that the Defendant's supervised release be revoked, and Defendant sentenced to ten (10) months imprisonment with credit for time served, and no term of supervised release to follow.

### **IV.** WARNINGS

The parties may file objections to this Report and Recommendation. A party filing objections must specifically identify those findings or recommendations to which objections are being made. The district court need not consider frivolous, conclusive, or general objections. *See Battles v. United States Parole Comm'n*, 834 F.2d 419, 421 (5th Cir. 1987).

A party's failure to file written objections to the proposed findings and recommendations contained in this Report within fourteen (14) days after the party is served with a copy of the Report shall bar that party from de novo review by the district judge of the proposed findings and recommendations in the Report and, except upon grounds of plain error, shall bar the party from appellate review of unobjected-to proposed factual findings and legal conclusions accepted by the district judge. *See* 28 U.S.C. 636(b)(1)(C); *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 150-53 (1985); *Douglass v. United Services Automobile Association*, 79 F.3d 1415, 1428-29 (5th Cir. 1996) (en banc).

SIGNED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2024.

DEREK T. GILLILAND

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE